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Subject:

Air Quality Impact Assessment Report For Planned Gyp Stack

**Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations Facility** 

Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Mr. Schilling:

Kleinfelder is pleased to present this Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) report for the Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations (Agrium) facility. This assessment was conducted consistent with the source parameters and estimated Potential To Emit (PTE) presented in the Permit To Construct (PTC) Application that accompanies this report. It follows the approach presented in the Ambient Air Quality Modeling Protocol dated June 4, 2007, with the exception of the emission rates that were presented in the Since submittal of the protocol, it protocol and the representation of the gyp stacks. was recognized that an incorrect factor was applied to the PTE estimates. In addition, the planned gyp stack presented in the protocol was misrepresented and it was confirmed that there are two existing gyp stacks rather than one. Therefore, the sources and emissions presented in this AQIA have been corrected and are consistent with the accompanying PTC application. Finally, although PSD requirements had been discussed in the protocol based on preliminary emission estimates, the final PTE for the project does not trigger PSD and therefore PSD level analysis was not conducted.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information for approval of this AQIA.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AQIA** Report

# AIR QUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PROPOSED NEW GYP STACKS NU-WEST INDUSTRIES, INC., AGRIUM CONDA PHOSPHATE OPERATIONS SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO

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#### **List of Acronyms**

AAC Acceptable Ambient Concentration

APS Ammonium Phosphate Sulfate

AQIA Ambient Air Quality Assessment

AQRV Air Quality Related Values

EL Emission Level

FIA Full Impact Assessment

IDAPA Idaho Administrative Procedure Act

IDEQ Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

MAP Monoammonium Phosphate

MGA Merchant Grade phosphoric Acid

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards

PTC Permit To Construct
PTE Potential To Emit

SCL Significant Contribution Levels

SPA Super Phosphoric Acid

TAP Toxic Air Pollutant

#### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Nu-West Industries, Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations ("Agrium") facility, provides this air quality impact assessment (AQIA) in support of a permit to construct ("PTC") to allow for the addition of a proposed new 125 acre gypsum stack. The facility currently operates under a Tier I permit number T1-040308 and submitted a renewal application in April, 2006.

The proposed gypsum stack will result in potential emissions of fluoride and particulate matter. Fluoride, listed as a non-carcinogenic toxic air pollutant ("TAP") in IDAPA 58.01.01.585, has potential emissions that will exceed the listed TAP screening emission level ("EL") of 0.167 pounds per hour. In addition, emissions of particulate matter, regulated as PM-10 (less than 10 microns in diameter) and PM-2.5 (less than 2.5 microns in diameter) will exceed the modeling threshold for a facility-wide net emissions increase of 1 ton per year. Therefore, in order to issue the PTC for the proposed new gypsum stack, this ambient air quality impact analysis ("AQIA") was required to address the potential impacts of these regulated compounds.

This AQIA has been conducted consistent with the information submitted in the PTC, the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 58.01.01, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) Dispersion Modeling Guidelines ("Guidelines"), revised December 31, 2002, the *Ambient Air Quality Modeling Protocol for Nu-West Industries, Inc.* dated June 4, 2007, and the associated dispersion modeling checklist. The AQIA addresses the approach used for assessing the ambient air impacts from the proposed source emissions for comparison with the Acceptable Ambient Concentration (AAC) for fluoride and the Significant Contribution Levels (SCL) and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10/PM2.5. Because the PM10/PM2.5 emissions are below significant emission rates, a PSD level analysis was not required nor conducted to address Air Quality Related Values (AQRV's), such as visibility, soils and vegetation impacts, acid deposition, etc., for Class I or "sensitive" Class II areas.

Based on the analysis performed, the resulting impacts of fluoride are less than the AAC and the PM-10/PM-2.5 impacts are less than the applicable SCLs. Table EX-1 summarizes the results.

### Summary Table EX-1 Air Quality Impact Assessment Results Compared with Applicable Standards

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Modeled Impacts <sup>1,2</sup> (μg/m³)	SCL or AAC (µg/m³)	Requires Additional Analysis (Yes/No)
Fluoride	24-hour	4.19563	125	No
Particulate	24-hour	1.32720	5.0	No
Matter (PM-10)	Annual <sup>3</sup>	0.20912	NA	No
Particulate	24-hour	0.39658	5.0	No
Matter (PM-2.5)	Annual	0.06794	1.0	No

#### Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Modeled impact of fluoride is based on facility wide emissions since this is a TAP in excess of the screening emission level and no SCL equivalent is published for which the new source only impacts can be compared.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Modeled impacts of PM10 and PM2.5 are based on the new source only for comparison to the SCL. Because impacts did not exceed the SCL, no further analysis is required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Annual PM-10 standard was revoked by the USEPA on November 28, 2006.

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#### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Nu-West Industries, Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations ("Agrium") facility, is providing this air quality impact assessment (AQIA) in support of a permit to construct ("PTC") for a proposed new source of potential emissions not currently covered by existing permits. The facility currently operates under a Tier I permit number T1-040308 and submitted a renewal application in April, 2006.

The Agrium facility is located approximately 7 miles Northeast of Soda Springs Idaho within an attainment area and is a major source as defined by IDAPA 58.01.01.008.10. A Project Location Map, Vicinity Map and Facility Layout Map are provided as Figures A-1 through A-3, respectively in Appendix A.

The facility production process results in the generation of a phosphogypsum slurry by-product that is stored in large piles called "gyp stacks". Two existing gyp stacks cover approximately 125 acres each with a height of approximately 175 feet. An additional 125 acre area has been designated for a new proposed gyp stack to be used for future storage capacity of the phosphogypsum by-product. The proposed gyp stack will result in potential emissions of fluoride and particulate matter.

Fluoride, listed as a non-carcinogenic toxic air pollutant ("TAP") in IDAPA 58.01.01.585, has potential emissions that will exceed the listed TAP screening emission level ("EL") of 0.167 pounds per hour. In addition, emissions of particulate matter, regulated as PM-10 (less than 10 microns in diameter) and PM-2.5 (less than 2.5 microns in diameter) will exceed the modeling threshold for a facility-wide net emissions increase of 1 ton per year. Therefore, in order to issue the PTC for the proposed new gypsum stack, this AQIA was completed to demonstrate that the ambient air quality impacts from the proposed new source emissions will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of a standard for regulated criteria air pollutants; or injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation based on acceptable ambient concentrations ("AAC") for regulated Toxic Air Pollutants ("TAP").

#### 3.0 MODEL DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

To properly demonstrate compliance with the ambient air quality standards, the American Meteorological Society (AMS)/ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regulatory Model (AERMOD) was chosen to assess the potential air quality impacts from the project. This model was chosen over SCREEN3 since the facility consists of a complex array of buildings and emission sources (i.e., can not be merged per the EPA Guidelines on Air Quality Modeling) and is surrounded by complex terrain. Additionally, it was chosen over the Industrial Source Complex (ISC3) model, since AERMOD has replaced ICS3 on December 9, 2006 as the preferred model for complex industrial sources. It is considered the best state-of-the-practice Gaussian plume dispersion model that provides better characterization of plume dispersion than does ISC3. The current EPA approved model version 07026 will be implemented using the BREEZE software.

#### 4.0 EMISSIONS AND SOURCE DATA

#### 4.1 Description of Operations

The Agrium facility operates under SIC code 2874 and produces phosphate-based fertilizers, including granular fertilizers monoammonium phosphate (MAP) and ammonium phosphate sulfate (APS). The facility also produces a liquid fertilizer called superphosphoric acid (SPA) and merchant grade phosphoric acid (MGA). Sulfuric acid is used in the production of fertilizer and is either manufactured at the Agrium facility or purchased from other sources.

The facility production process results in the generation of a phosphogypsum slurry by-product that is stored in large piles called "gyp stacks". Two existing gyp stacks cover approximately 125 acres each with a height of approximately 175 feet. An additional 125 acre area has been designated for a new proposed gyp stack to be used for future storage capacity of the phosphogypsum by-product. The proposed gyp stack will result in potential emissions of fluoride and particulate matter. Table 4-1 summarizes the potential facility emissions increases with the proposed 125 acre gyp stack.

Table 4-1
Facility Potential to Emit for Regulated Pollutants

Pollutant	Current Emissions (TPY)	Increase in Emissions from planned 125 Acre Gyp Stack (lb/hr)	Increase in Emissions from planned 125 Acre Gyp Stack (TPY)	Total Facility Wide Potential To Emit (TPY)
PM <sub>10</sub>	79.47	0.43	1.88	81.35
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	11.43	0.05	0.29	11.71
Fluoride	16.06	0.42	1.83	17.89

As shown in Table 4-1, Fluoride, listed as a non-carcinogenic toxic air pollutant ("TAP") in IDAPA 58.01.01.585, has potential emissions that will exceed the listed TAP screening emission level ("EL") of 0.167 pounds per hour. In addition, emissions of particulate matter, regulated as PM-10 (less than 10 microns in diameter) and PM-2.5

(less than 2.5 microns in diameter) will exceed the modeling threshold for a facility-wide net emissions increase of 1 ton per year. Therefore, these compounds were modeled to assess the ambient impacts.

#### 4.2 Pollutant Sources and Modeled Emission Rates

The planned 125 acre gyp stack is treated as an area source for modeling the emission impacts. For purposes of the PA, this source was modeled alone for comparison with the SCLs.

Since there is not a significant contribution level or equivalent threshold for assessing individual sources of TAP emissions for their individual significance, the facility wide potential emissions of fluoride were assessed for comparison with the acceptable ambient concentrations for non-carcinogens ("AAC").

#### 4.3 Justification for Sources Determined to be "Inconsequential"

No sources were identified to be inconsequential for this assessment.

#### 4.4 Source Parameters

The sources assessed for the PA of particulate matter emissions is limited to the planned gyp stack alone. Tables C-1 and C-2, in Appendix C, provide the model input parameters used. The sources assessed for the FIA of fluoride include point, area and volume sources. The model input parameters for each of these are provided in Tables C-3 through C-8, in Appendix C.

#### 4.5 Facility Plan

A vicinity location map showing the property boundary and control boundary is provided as Figure A-2 in Appendix A. A facility layout showing the sources and structure locations is provided as Figure A-3 in Appendix A.

#### 4.6 Facility Location

The facility is located in eastern Idaho about 7 miles (11 km) north of the city of Soda Springs, Idaho. The approximate center point of the property is located at UTM 455,684 N by 4,731,803 E, Zone 12 (NAD83). The facility and surrounding area is a sparsely populated, rural area with terrain ranging from about 6,000 to 7,000 feet above mean sea level (MSL) within 1 mile (1.6 km) of the facility. The project area has been designated attainment for all criteria pollutants by the IDEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA"). Figure A-1, in Appendix A, provides a project location map.

#### 5.0 RECEPTOR NETWORK

The facility is located in a remote area with access limited by fencing and controlled access roads. The facility property boundary extends beyond the controlled access area. Since this controlled area does not cover the entire property, ambient air potentially accessible by the public is considered anywhere outside the controlled area, including the facility's property not within the control boundary. Therefore, the receptor placement is limited to a control boundary rather than the property boundary. The property and controlled boundaries are shown on Figure A-2, Vicinity Map, in Appendix A.

Receptor locations were developed following the IDEQ Air Quality Modeling Guidelines and based on the anticipated location of maximum impacts due to the sources, facility layout and surrounding terrain. The receptors include fence line receptors and nested grids consisting of fine, medium and coarse receptor distances. Elevations were associated with these receptors by applying the USGS Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data. Figure A-4, in Appendix A, depicts the receptor grids and a description of the grids is as follows.

#### 5.1 Fenceline Receptors

Fenceline receptors were placed along the control boundary every 50 meters in linear distance.

#### 5.2 Fine Grid

A fine grid of receptors was placed at 100-meter spacing, from the facility control boundary outward to approximately 1 km in all directions.

#### 5.3 Medium Grid

A medium grid was placed at 250-meter spacing, from the fine grid outward to approximately 2.5 km in each direction from the control boundary.

#### 5.4 Coarse Grid

A coarse grid was placed at 500-meter spacing, from the medium grid outward to 5 km in each direction from the facility control boundary.

#### 5.5 Very Course Grid

A very course grid was placed at 1,000-meter spacing, form the course grid to approximately 10 km in each direction from the facility control boundary.

#### 5.6 Hot Spot Grids

The analysis did not indicate a need for Hot Spot Grids as the ambient concentrations are shown to decrease in distance from the control boundary.

#### 6.0 ELEVATION DATA

Due to the complex terrain surrounding the facility, elevations were included for all the receptor points. Terrain elevations for the model receptors were obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) using 7.5-minute Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data files. DEM files consist of a sampled array of elevations for a number of ground positions at regularly spaced intervals. Each 7.5-minute DEM is based on 10 meter data spacing within the UTM projection. The AERMAP processor was used to assign elevations to each receptor.

Based on the proposed receptor grid modeling domain, a combination of the Alexander, China Hat, Johnson Creek, Lower Valley, Soda Springs, and The Dip DEM quadrants were used.

Terrain elevation for the sources and structures within the facility boundary were based on a digitally prepared three-dimensional CAD file prepared by 3-DiWest to reflect accurate elevations. This includes terrain that has been modified due to the accumulation of gypsum stacks located along the western portion of the facility.

#### 7.0 METEOROLOGICAL DATA

In accordance with Section 5.8 of the IDEQ Air Quality Modeling Guideline, and Section 9.3 of the EPA Guideline on Air Quality Models (40 CFR part 51, Appendix W), one year of "on-site" meteorological data was utilized for the assessment. Based on a memorandum from the USEPA, data acquired near a facility that is representative for the area is considered as "on-site" data and are considered adequate for modeling ambient impacts. The data were acquired from the Monsanto facility meteorological station located approximately 4 miles southwest of the Agrium facility for calendar year 2003. Figure A-5 in Appendix A shows the location of the surface meteorological tower relative the facility.

These data were previously processed and utilized for a voluntary AQIA submitted with the Tier I renewal on behalf of Agrium and were the most complete and current data available at the time. The data were processed with the corresponding year from a representative NWS meteorological station (Pocatello, Idaho) and upper air data from Salt Lake City Airport. The 2003 hourly surface observations (on-site and Pocatello NWS) and the upper air sounding data (Salt Lake City) were quality checked and processed with the AERMET meteorological data processor (USEPA Version 06341) to create the surface and profile data files required for the AERMOD program. Missing data were filled in accordance with the guideline procedures for filling missing data (the on-site data file was greater than 99% complete prior to filling missing data). The surface data were processed using seasonal land use surface characteristics consistent with the location of the meteorological station (based on cultivated lands) as shown in Table 7-1. An aerial photo showing the land use out 3 km from the meteorological tower location is included as Figure A-5, Appendix A.

Table 7-1
Land Use Surface Characteristics

Season	Albedo	Bowen	Roughness
Winter	0.60	1.50	0.01
Spring	0.14	0.30	0.03
Summer	0.20	0.50	0.20
Autumn	0.18	0.70	0.05

To support the choice in meteorological data, a wind rose plot is included as Figure A-6, Appendix A. This wind rose illustrates that the meteorological data is consistent with the meteorology in the region. The average annual wind speed is about 8.6 knots (or 9.9 mph). According to the Western Regional Climate Center, the prevailing wind direction in the east-central valleys of Idaho are influenced by the diurnal valley wind drainage flow, which is typically from the Southeast in the fall and winter months, and from the Northwest in the spring and summer months. These patterns are consistent with those shown in the wind rose chart.

#### 8.0 LAND-USE CLASSIFICATION

Following the land—use classification procedure provided in Appendix E of the IDEQ Modeling Guidelines, the area within 3km of the site has been classified as rural. The majority of the 3km radius around the Agrium facility is largely agricultural or undeveloped, with the ground cover being mostly wild grasses, weeds and shrubs, and sparsely located trees. According to the Auer classifications, A2, A3, and A4 best describe the land use near the Agrium facility. Therefore, this modeling assessment for the Agrium facility utilizes the rural dispersion coefficient.

#### 9.0 BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS

Since the analysis indicates that the SCLs are not exceeded for PM10 and PM2.5, no further assessment is required. As a result, background data for these pollutants is not needed. For fluoride, no background data was included. Regardless, because the resulting concentration from the facility sources of fluoride is less than 6% of the AAC, it is not expected that the background concentration of fluoride would be significant enough to cause a cumulative exceedance of the AAC.

#### 10.0 EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS

#### 10.1 Criteria Pollutant Results

The modeled PTE for criteria pollutants from the planned new source were compared directly to the SCLs. Based on the modeling results, the affected criteria compounds from the planned new source are all less than the applicable SCL. As a result, no additional analysis was required for assessing the NAAQS. Table 10-1 provides a summary of the results.

#### 10.2 TAP Pollutant Results

The modeled PTE for fluoride from all sources within the facility were compared with the AAC. The results indicate that the max impacts are less than 6% of the AAC. Table 10-1 provides a summary of the results. The location of the maximum impacts are provided in Figure A-7, Appendix A.

Table 10-1
AQIA Results Compared with Applicable Standards

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Modeled Impacts <sup>1,2</sup> (μg/m³)	SCL or AAC (μg/m³)	Requires Additional Analysis (Yes/No)
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#### 11.0 MODELING FILES

The modeling files are provided on CD in Appendix D, along with a readme file explaining the files.

#### 12.0 LIMITATIONS

This report was prepared in general accordance with the accepted standard of care that existed in Idaho at the time the report was written. The results contained in this report are based upon the information acquired at the time of the investigation. It is possible that not all conditions were identified during this project. Land use, site conditions (both on site and off site) or other factors may change over time, and additional work may be required with the passage of time.

It should be recognized that identifying and assessing possible environmental, health and safety issues and regulatory requirements is difficult. Judgments leading to conclusions and recommendations are generally made with an incomplete knowledge of the facility. Kleinfelder should be notified for additional consultation if the client wishes to reduce the uncertainties beyond the level associated with this report. It should be recognized that the scope of work described here is not intended to be inclusive, to identify all potential concerns, or to eliminate the possibility of problems. No warranty or quarantee, expressed or implied, is made.

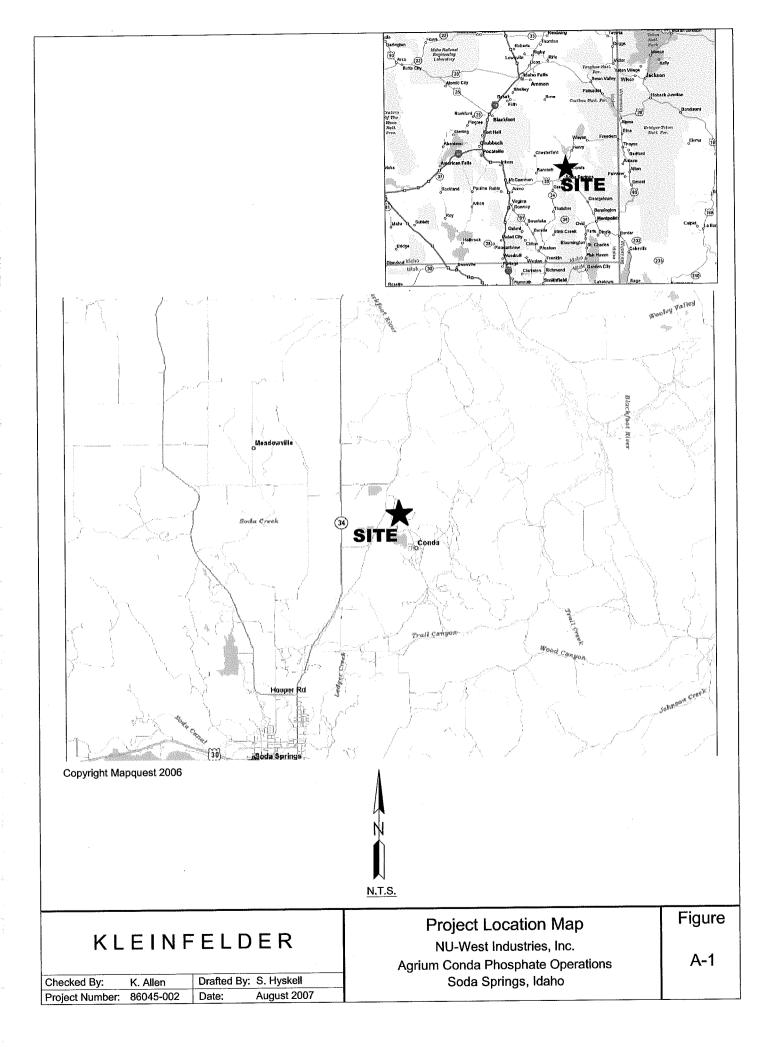
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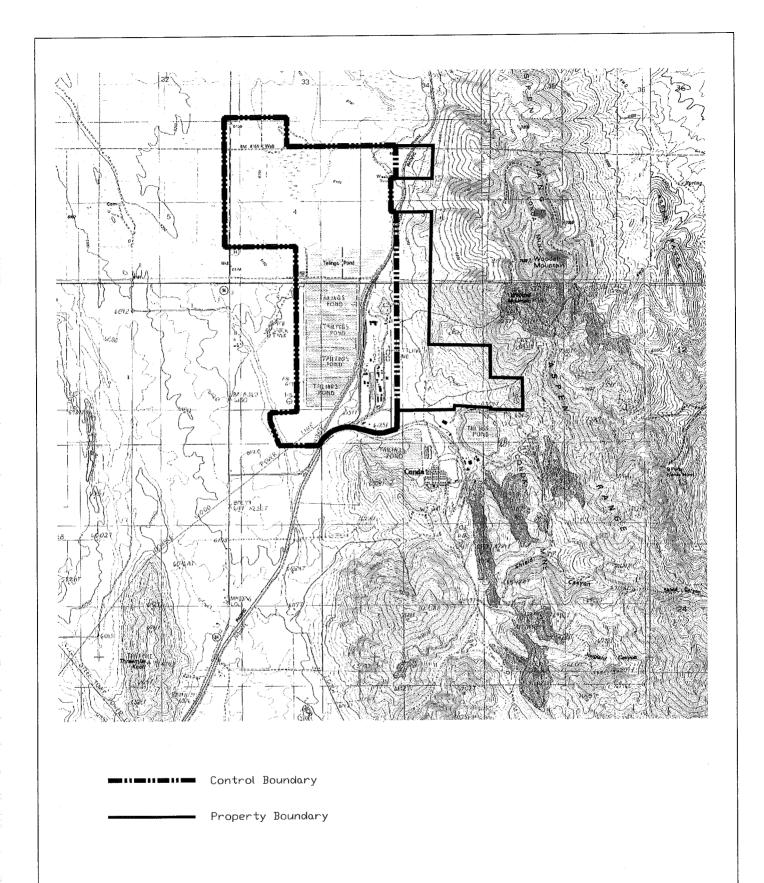
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Appendix A -

Figures





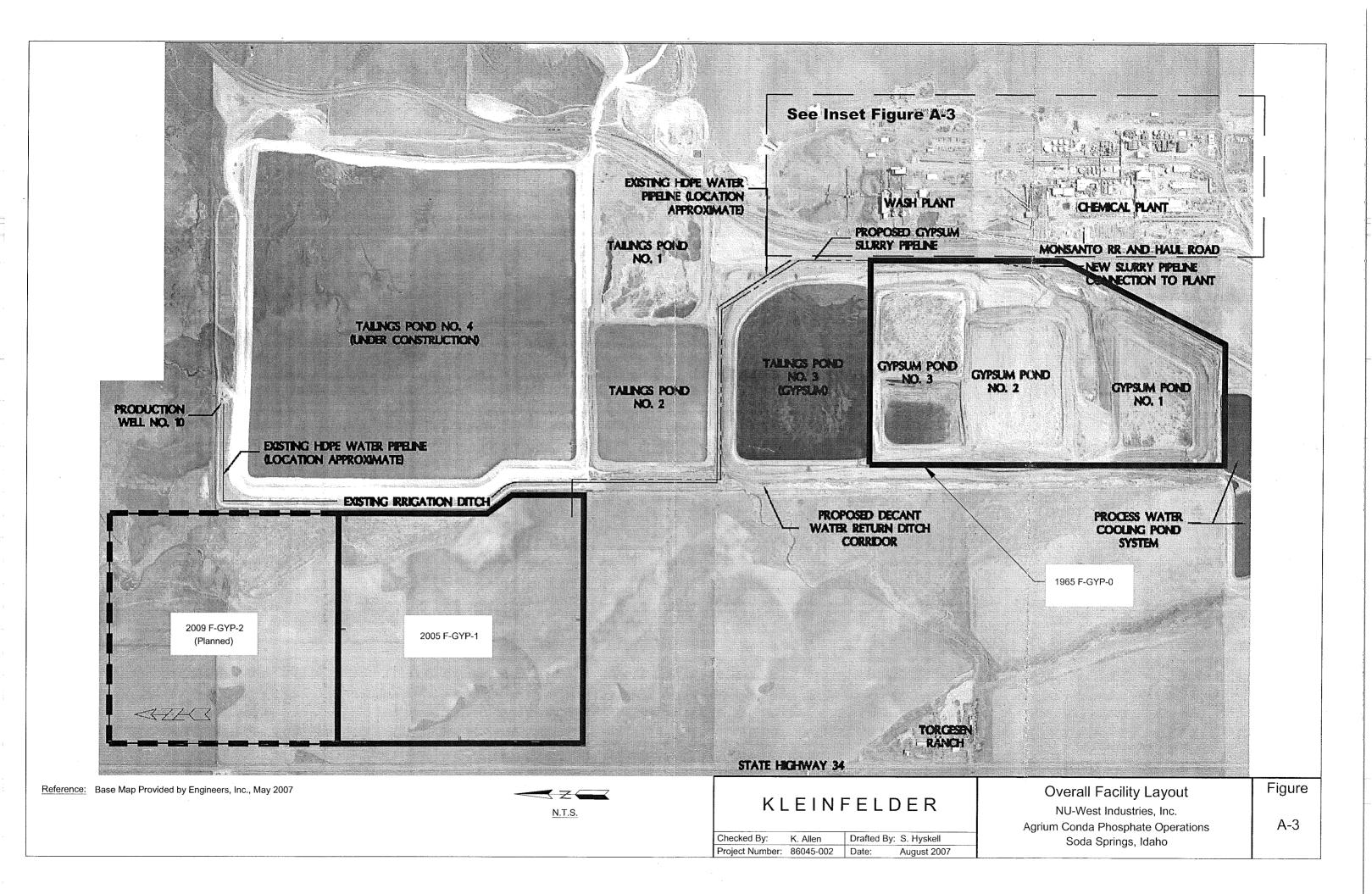
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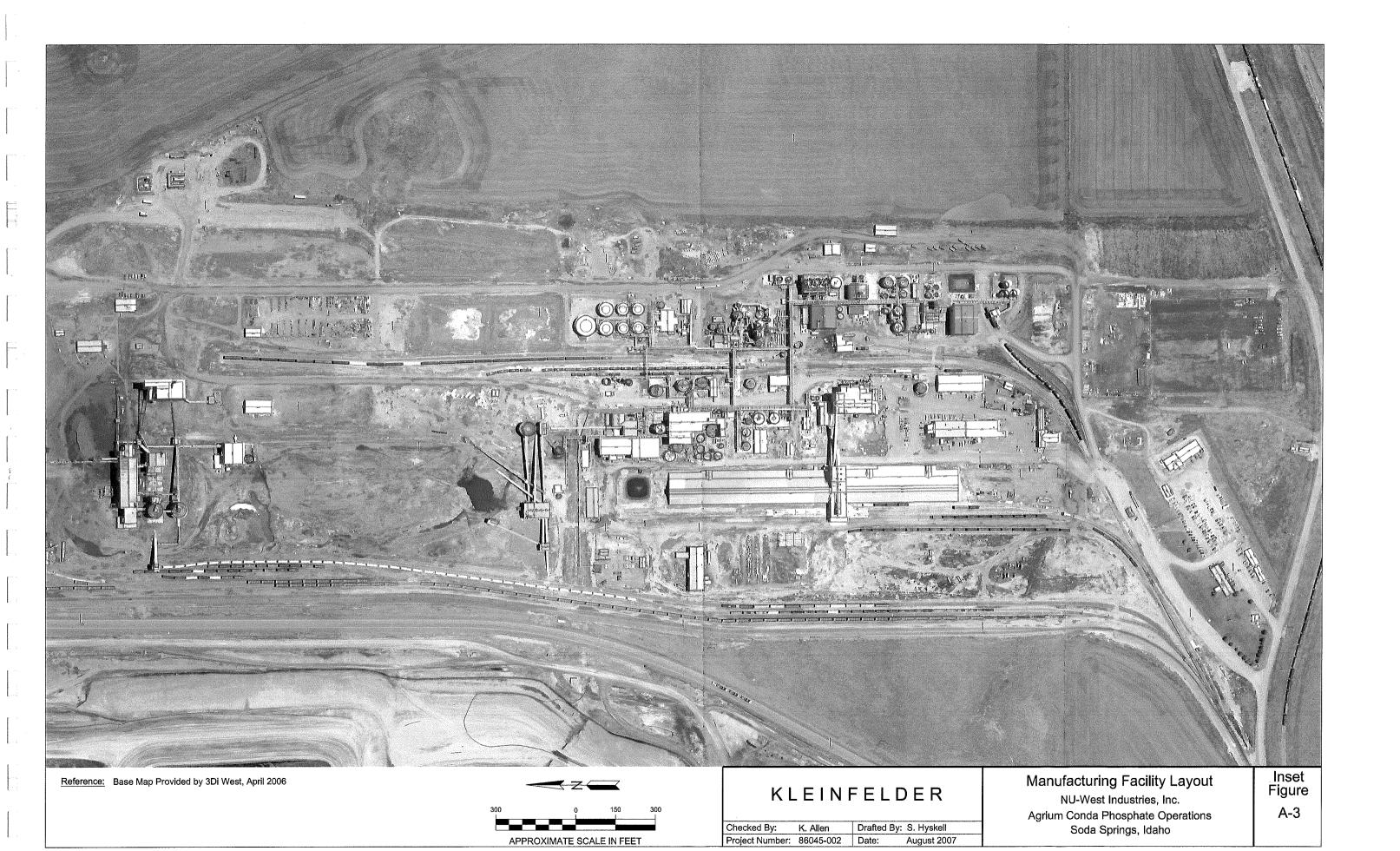
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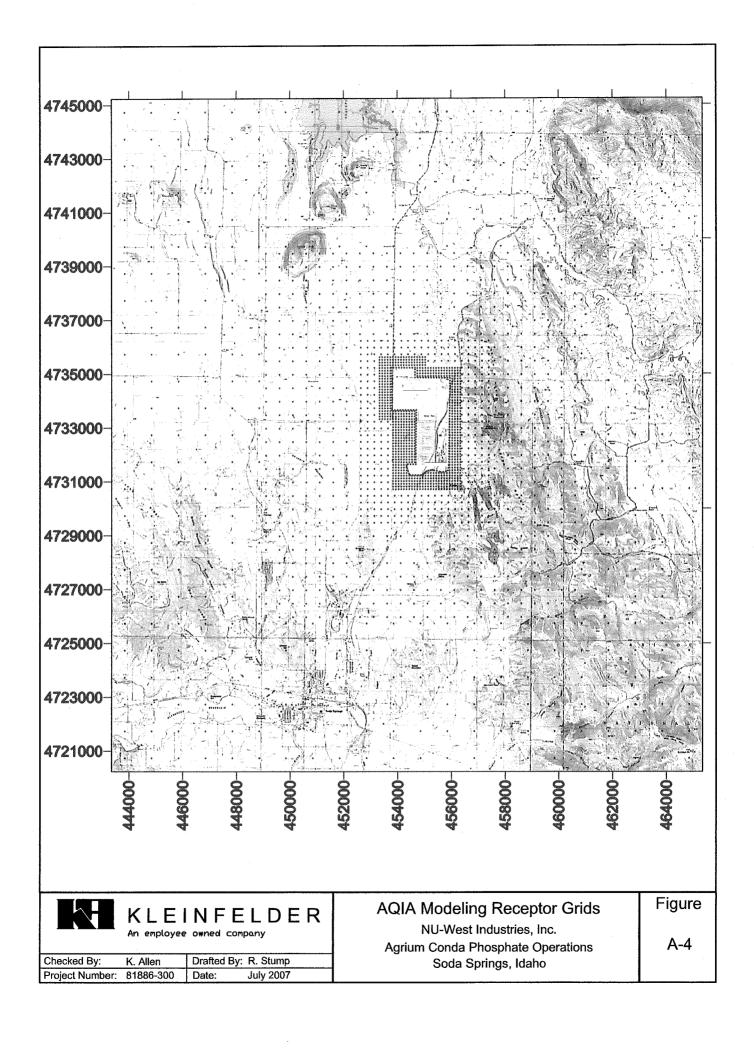
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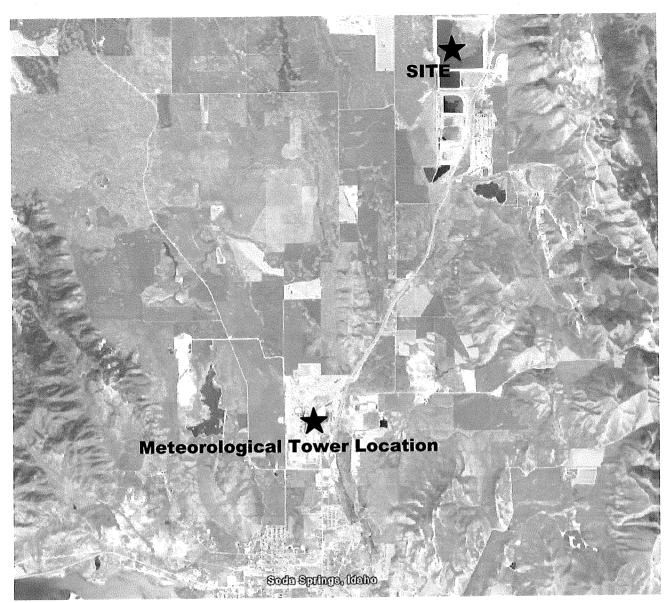
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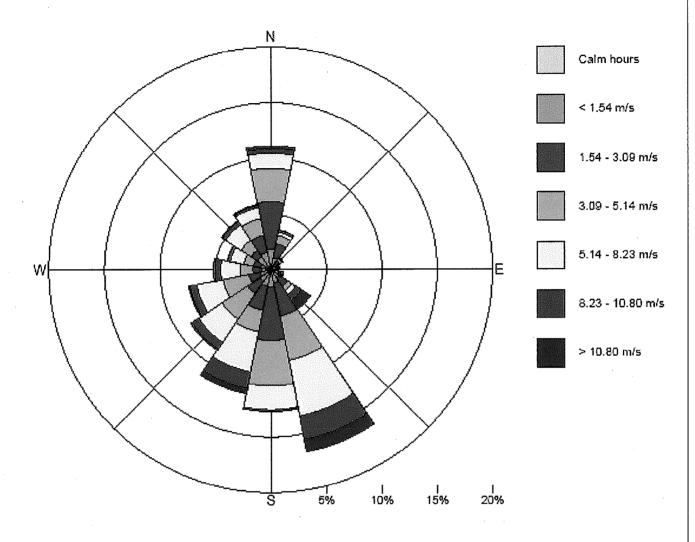
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#### Meteorological Tower Location Map

NU-West Industries, Inc. Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations Soda Springs, Idaho Figure

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Met Data Source: "On-Site" surface data from Monsanto Met Station

NWS surface data from Pocatello Idaho Airport

Upper Air data from Salt Lake City Airport

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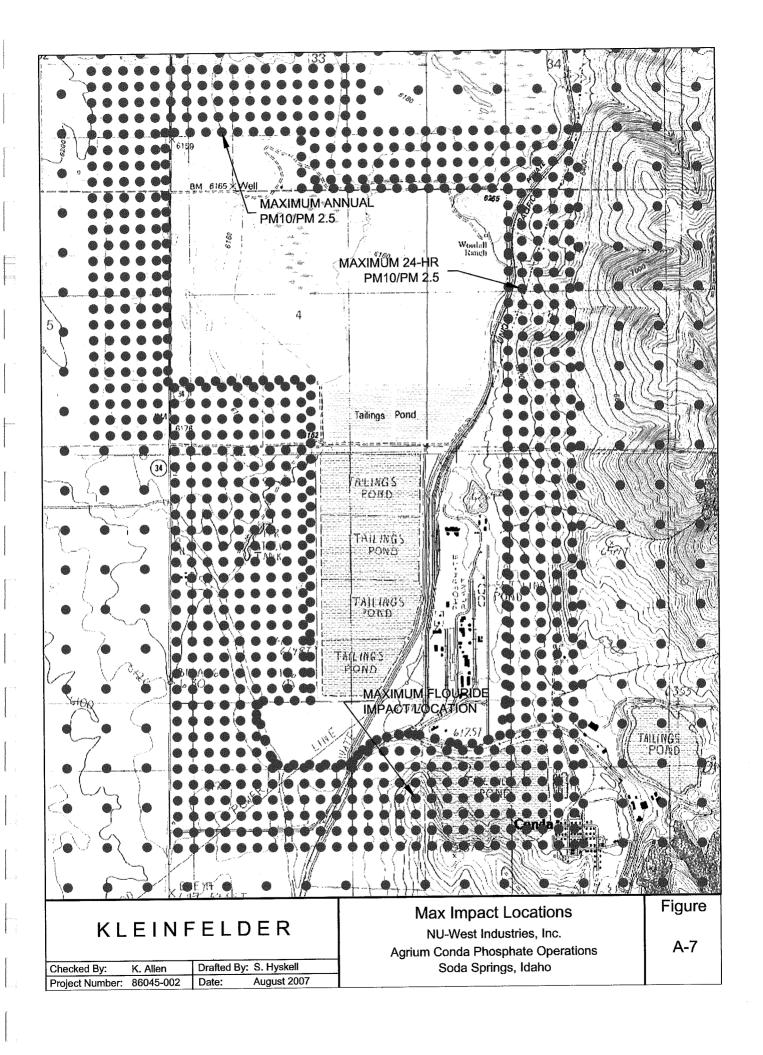
#### Wind Rose Plot

NU-West Industries, Inc.

Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations
Soda Springs, Idaho

#### Figure

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#### Appendix B -

**Dispersion Modeling Checklist** 

Table B-1
Modeling Protocol Checklist for New Minor Sources or Minor Modifications

Modeling Protocol Checklist for New Willor Sources of W	Completed	Protocol
Checklist Item	(yes / no)	Section
Introduction and Purpose	Yes	2
General overview, facility description, terrain description	Yes	2.1
Project Overview	Yes	2.2
Goals of the air quality impact analysis (i.e., demonstrate compliance for a permit to construct or a Tier II operating permit)	Yes	2.3
Applicable regulations and requirements	Yes	2.4
Pollutants of concern	Yes	2.5
Emission and Source Data	Yes	3
Facility processes and emission controls effected by the permitting action	Yes	3.1
• Include a list of emission points that will be included in the application. Present a table showing current actual and future allowable emission rates (in maximum pounds per hour tons per year) and the requested emission increase (future allowable minus current actual)	Yes	3.2
Good engineering practice (GEP) stack-height analysis	Yes	3.3
Facility layout: location of sources, buildings, and fence lines	Yes	3.4
Source parameters (emissions rates, UTM coordinates, stack height, stack elevation, stack diameter, stack-gas exit velocity, and stack-gas exit temperature) for each new or modified emission point	Yes	3.5
Methodology for including area and volume sources in the modeling analysis	Yes	3.6
Methodology for including/excluding sources from the modeling analysis	Yes	3.7
Air Quality Modeling Methodology	Yes	4
Model selection and justification	Yes	4.1
<ul> <li>Model setup and application</li> <li>Model options (i.e., regulatory default)</li> <li>Averaging periods</li> <li>Land-use analysis</li> </ul>	Yes	4.2

# Table B-1 Cont'd KLEINFE EXPECT MORE Modeling Protocol Checklist for New Minor Sources or Minor Modifications

Checklist Item	Completed (yes / no)	Protocol Section
- Building Downwash		
- Treatment of chemical transformation (e.g., NO to NO2)		
- Other parameters		
Elevation data	Yes	4.6
- Methodology for accounting for complex terrain	103	
Receptor network		
- Description of receptor grids – include methodology for		
ensuring the maximum concentration will be estimated	Yes	4.7
- Discussion/justification of ambient air		
- Determination of receptor elevations		
Meteorological data		
- Selection of meteorological databases – justification of		
appropriateness of meteorological data to area of interest	Yes	4.8
- Meteorological data processing		
- Meteorological data analysis (e.g., wind rose)		
Background concentrations	Yes	4.9
Applicable Regulatory Limits	Yes	5
Methodology for evaluation of compliance with standards (i.e.,	Yes	5.1
determination of design concentration)		0.1
Preliminary analysis		
- Comparison to Idaho SCLs	Yes	5.1
- TAP analysis		
Full impact analysis	Yes	5.1
- NAAQS analysis	163	0.1
<ul> <li>Presentation of results – state how the results of the modeling</li> </ul>		
analysis will be displayed (i.e., list what information will be	Yes	5.1
included)		
References	Yes	6

## Idaho DEQ Air Dispersion Modeling Checklist

As a requirement of the air permitting process, an air dispersion modeling analysis (screening and/or refined) must be conducted. Air dispersion models are used to predict the potential impact a source may have on the air shed in which it is located. This checklist will aid in collecting all of the necessary information to perform a complete modeling analysis. The EPA's Guideline on Air Quality Models (EPA 2001) and this guideline should be used as a reference to ensure that the modeling techniques used will meet federal and state requirements. Please include sufficient computer disk copies of the DOS versions of input and output files so DEQ can reproduce model runs. DEQ must be able to rerun the input files on the DOS versions of the models. Copies of the meteorological data files used and all building information must also be included. A scaled plot plan showing the location of all structures and emission points needs to be submitted as part of the permitting application. It is strongly recommended that the facility contact the DEQ modeling coordinator prior to performing an air quality assessment to negotiate a modeling protocol. Units must be noted where appropriate, both English and metric units are acceptable.

It is important that the most recent model versions be utilized in any analysis.

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Name of Applicant/Company: Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations 3010 Conda Road

Soda Springs, Idaho 83276

Facility Description:

See Report Section 4.1

Dispersion Model(s) Used:

AERMOD - See Report Section 3.0

2. Source Classification:

> See Report - Appendix C. Number of Point Sources (Section 3)

> See Report - Appendix C. Number of Area Sources (Section 4)

Number of Volume Sources See Report - Appendix C. (Section 5)

diameter less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers) Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub>\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub>\_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub>\_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub>\_\_\_\_CO\_\_\_VOC\_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List): Stack Height Stack Diameter Stack Temperature Stack Exit Velocity and/or Actual Stack Flow Rate\_\_\_\_\_ Stack Orientation (Horizontal or Vertical) Rain Cap Present (Y or N)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub>\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub>\_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub>\_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub>\_\_\_\_CO\_\_\_\_VOC\_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_\_ Stack Height \_\_\_\_ Stack Diameter \_\_\_ Stack Temperature \_\_\_\_ Stack Exit Velocity\_\_\_\_\_ and/or Actual Stack Flow Rate\_\_\_\_\_ Stack Orientation (Horizontal or Vertical) Rain Cap Present (Y or N) Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub>\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub>\_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub>\_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub>\_\_\_\_CO\_\_\_\_VOC\_\_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_\_ Stack Height Stack Diameter Stack Temperature Stack Exit Velocity and/or Actual Stack Flow Rate\_\_\_\_\_ Stack Orientation (Horizontal or Vertical) Rain Cap Present (Y or N)

Stack/Point Source Parameters (please include for each stack/point source modeled). List the maximum

emissions rate(s) for each pollutant. NOTE: If the stack is not circular, use equivalent dimensions determined by AREA =  $\pi d^2/4$ , where d is the inner stack diameter. Units must be noted where appropriate, both English and metric units are acceptable. (Note: PM<sub>2.5</sub> refers to particulate matter with an aerodynamic

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acceptable. Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_CO \_\_\_\_VOC \_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_\_ Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Easterly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Northerly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Vertical Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Angle from North \_\_\_\_\_ Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_CO\_\_\_VOC \_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_ Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Easterly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Northerly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Angle from North \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Vertical Dimension Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_CO\_\_\_\_VOC \_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_\_ Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Easterly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Northerly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Angle from North Initial Vertical Dimension Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_\_NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_CO\_\_\_\_VOC \_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_ Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Easterly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Northerly Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Angle from North Initial Vertical Dimension

Area Source Parameters (please include for each area source modeled). List the maximum emissions

rate(s) for each pollutant. Units must be noted where appropriate, both English and metric units are

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Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_ CO\_\_\_\_ VOC \_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List): Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Horizontal Dimension Initial Vertical Dimension Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_ CO \_\_\_\_ VOC \_\_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List): Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Horizontal Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Vertical Dimension Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_ NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_ CO\_\_\_\_ VOC \_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_\_ Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Horizontal Dimension \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Vertical Dimension\_\_\_\_ Source See Report - Appendix C. PM<sub>10</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ PM<sub>2.5</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ NO<sub>x</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ SO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ CO\_\_\_\_ VOC \_\_\_\_\_ Toxic(s) (Please List):\_\_\_\_\_ Initial Horizontal Dimension Source Height \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Vertical Dimension

Volume Source Parameters (please include for each volume source modeled). List the maximum

emissions rate(s) for each pollutant. Units must be noted where appropriate, both English and metric units

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are acceptable.

Building See Report - Appendix A and BPIP file. Building Tier No. 1 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Width: \_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 2 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 3 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building See Report - Appendix A and BPIP file. Building Tier No. 1 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 2 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 3 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building See Report - Appendix A and BPIP file. Building Tier No. 1 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 2 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 3 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building See Report - Appendix A and BPIP file. Building Tier No. 1 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 1 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Tier No. 2 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 2 Width: \_\_\_ Building Tier No. 3 Height: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Length: \_\_\_\_\_Building Tier No. 3 Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Tank N/A - See Appendix C. Tank Height \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Diameter Tank \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Height \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Height \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Diameter Tank \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Height \_\_\_\_\_ Tank Diameter Tank

Structure Parameters: (Applies to any and all structures within the property boundary(ies) as well as

nearby structures that may influence the dispersion of pollutants emitted by the source(s)). Units

must be noted where appropriate, both English and metric units are acceptable.

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7.	Scaled Plot Plan: (Make sure that all of in section 6.)	the buildings and tanks shown on the	scaled plot plan are also listed
	See Report - Appendix	<b>A.</b>	
	Emission Release Locations:	Buildings:(On site and neighboring)	Tanks: (On site and neighboring)
	Property Boundary(ies):	Potential Co-contributor(s):	
	Sensitive Receptors:		
frequer effects	A sensitive receptor is defined in IDAPA 5 nted by persons who, due to age, infirmity of a toxic air pollutant than the general post, day care centers, playgrounds and parks	, or health-based criteria, may be more pulation including, but not limited to	re susceptible to the deleterious o, elementary and secondary
8.	Topographic Map Showing: See Rep	ort - Appendix A.	
	Source Location(s)	Buildings(On site and neighboring)	Tanks(On site and neighboring)
	Property Boundary(ies)	Model Receptors	
	Maximum Impact Locations		
9.	Meteorology Used (upper air and surface	ce data): See Report Section 7.0	
	Site-Specific:		
	A quality control and quality assurance any on-site data used other than that sup data before use.	analysis, consistent with EPA guidelepplied by the NWS. Contact DEQ re	lines, should be included for garding the adequacy of this
	NWS Data Representative of the Site_		
10.	Land Use Classification: See Report S	Section 8.0	
	Urban Rural (D	DEQ can be contacted for further guid	lance on source classification)
	Justification:		

Since this is a voluntary modeling assessment, modeling approach has been included within this report. The IDEQ Air Quality Modeling Guideline, dated December 2002, was utilized for this AQIA. Also, this checklist was incorporated into the modeling assessment.

#### **Completeness Determination Questions:**

- Was a modeling protocol approved by DEQ prior to permit application? Negotiating a modeling protocol with DEQ assures the general modeling approach will be accepted.
- Is a justification given explaining why a particular dispersion model was used?
- Did you document and justify input parameters and model settings? (Please include a written justification.)
- Were grid receptors placed 100 to 500 meters apart for the initial modeling analysis in order to find the area of maximum impact?
- Were grid receptors placed 25 to 50 meters apart in the area of maximum impact?
- What ambient air quality standards apply (e.g., NAAQS, significance standards, acceptable ambient concentration for carcinogens and non-carcinogens (AACC, AAC, respectively), PSD increment standards)?
- Were DEQ-approved background concentrations included in the modeling analysis (attainment and unclassified areas only)?

## Considerations for major pollution sources and sources subject to PSD regulations:

- Was DEQ contacted regarding the need for (and quality control of ) pre-construction monitoring data?
- Was a visibility analysis performed?
- Was the area of significant impact documented?
- Were impacts included (on disk) at all integral UTM coordinates within the significant impact area?
- If a major facility (as defined in IDAPA 58.01.01.006.55), was cumulative increment consumption analyzed?

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Appendix C -

**Tables of Supporting Data** 

Table C-1
Particulate Matter Area Source Emission Rates

Source ID	Source Description	Area	PM10 Emission Rate	PM10 Modeled 24-hr Emission Rate	PM10 Annual Emission Rate		PM2.5 Emission Rate	PM2.5 Modeled 24-hr Emission Rate	PM2.5 Annual Emission Rate	PM2.5 Modeled Annual Emission Rate
		(m²)	(lb/day)	(g/s/m²)	(tpy)	(g/s/m²)	(lb/day)	(g/s/m²)	(tpy)	(g/s/m²)
F-Gyp-2	2009 Gyp Stack	505,857	10.32	1.07E-07	1.88	1.07E-07	1.56	1.62E-08	0.29	1.62E-08

Table C-2
Particulate Matter Area Source Parameters

Source ID	Source Description	UTM E	UTM N	Release Height	Initial Vertical Dimens ìon	Lenath	Width	Area <sup>1</sup>	Angle
				(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m <sup>2</sup> )	
F-Gyp-2	2009 Gyp Stack	453857.1	4734449.2	40	0	727.4	739.9	505,857	0

## Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the large scale size of the gypsum stack, the length and width of the source represented in the model are best fit approximations used to represent the area of the source.

Table C-3
Fluoride Point Source Emissions

			Fluoride Modeled
		Fluoride	24-hr Emission
Source		Rate	Rate
ID	Source Description	(lb/day)	(g/s)
S-Pa-1	Phosphoric Acid Process	20.71	1.09E-01
S-Pb-1	Superphosphoric Acid Process	8.22	4.32E-02
S-Fa-1	Granulation Plant & Dryer	33.56	1.76E-01
S-Fc-1	Dry Product Loadout	2.74	1.44E-02

Table C-4
Fluoride Area Source Emissions

			Fluoride
			Modeled
		Fluoride	24-hr
		Emission	Emission
Source ID	Source	Rate Rate	
	Description	(lb/day)	(g/s/m <sup>2</sup> )
F-Gyp-0	1965 Gyp Stack	10.00	1.04E-07
F-Gyp-1	2005 Gyp Stack	10.00	1.04E-07
F-Gyp-2	2009 Gyp Stack	10.00	1.04E-07

Table C-5
Fluoride Volume Source Emissions

Source ID	Source Description	Fluoride Emission Rate (lb/day)	Fluoride Modeled 24-hr Emission Rate (g/s)
	Dry Product Transfer/Sizing	2.74	1.44E-02

Table C-6
Fluoride Assessment Point Source Parameters

Source ID	Source Description	UTM E	UTM N	Stack Height (ft.)	Stack Temp ('F)	Stack Flow Rate (acfm)	Stack Dia. (ft.)
S-Pa-1	Phosphoric Acid Process	455653.0	4732125.9	114	85	89,500	6.75
∥ S-Ph-1	Superphosphoric Acid Process	455691.7	4732064.3	56.5	70	12,400	3.0
∥ S-Fa-1	Granulation Plant & Dryer	455687.0	4731882.9	120	146	87,000	9.83
S-Fc-1	Dry Product Loadout	455535.6	4731896.2	10	70	1	1

Table C-7
Fluoride Assessment Area Source Parameters

Source ID	Source Description	UTM E	UTM N	Rel. Height (m)	Initial Vertical Dim. (m)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area <sup>1</sup> (m²)	Angle
∥F-Gvɒ-0	1965 Gyp Stack	454748.0	4731619.6	40	0	1126	638	505,857	0
∥F-Gvp-1	2005 Gyp Stack	454585.2	4734448.4	40	0	286.8	361.7	505,857	-180
IF-Gvp-2	2009 Gyp Stack	453857.1	4734449.2	40	0	286.8	361.7	505,857	0

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Due to the large scale size of the gypsum stacks, the areas applied in the model are approximations based on aerial figures. The existing gyp stacks (F-Gyp-0 and F-Gyp-2) were modeled as polygon sources using the BREEZE program. Therefore, the length, width and area provided in this table are approximations.

Table C-8
Fluoride Assessment Volume Source Parameters

					Initial	Initial		
					Lateral	Vertical	Length	Length of
				Release	Dimension	Dimension	of	Vertical
Device				Ht.	Sigma y	Sigma z	Side	Dimension
ID	Source Description	UTM E	UTM N	(ft.)	(ft.)	(ft.)	(ft.)	(ft.)
	Dry Product							
F-Fb-1	Transfer/Sizing	455580.6	4731896.1	90	21.7	41.9	93.5	90

# Appendix D -

Modeling File Disks and Readme File Explaining the Files

# **Description of AERMOD Modeling Files**

# Input and Output Files:

The model input files include:

File Name	Description
AG03 _24Hr_Fluoride_FIA.DAT	Model input file for facility wide 24-hr impacts of Fluoride emissions.
AG03 _24Hr_ANN_PM_PA.DAT	Model input file for 24-hour and Annual PM-10 and PM-2.5 impacts for planned gyp stacks.

The output files have the same name as the input files but with the pollutant identification added to the file name per the following format:

AG03\_XXXX\_YY\_AA\_yy.LST

## Where:

XXXX = the averaging period

YY = the general pollutant ID

yy = specific pollutant ID generated by BREEZE for multi-pollutant run AA = Assessment Type (FIA = Full Impact Assessment, PA= Preliminary

Assessment)

# Meteorological Data File:

Profile File = Agrium03.PFL

Surface File = Agrium03.SFC

# **Building Profile (BPIP File):**

Agrium BPIP.BPI